

## TESH: TELEHEALTH EDUCATION FOR SCHOOL HEALTH PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

**DATE AND TIME:** Tuesday, February 12, 2013 3:30 – 5:00 pm CST

**TITLE:** *Autism in Nebraska*

**FACULTY:** Torri Tejral, MS, Nebraska Ambassador for the Center for Disease Control's "Learn the Signs, Act Early" Campaign, and Autism Leadership Academy Coordinator, UNMC

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**PURPOSE STATEMENT FOR THIS PRESENTATION:** *The purpose of this session is to enhance the abilities of school and community nurses to identify and assess non-normal social and emotional development in young children; conduct communication with families about developmental concerns; and identify resources and referral sources useful to the child and family coping with developmental concerns. Key points regarding early intervention and optimal outcomes for developmental disorders also will be covered.*

### OBJECTIVES/AGENDA:

<b>3:30 – 3:50 pm</b>	Describe the prevalence and etiology of autism spectrum disorders.
<b>3:50- 4:20 pm</b>	Identify early warning signs and diagnostic criteria of autism spectrum disorder.
<b>4:20 – 4:40 pm</b>	Identify three action steps for school nurses in making an impact on autism spectrum disorder in Nebraska.
<b>4:40 – 5:00 pm</b>	Identify appropriate referral resources for children and adolescents with developmental concerns and/or diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder.

*In order to receive contact hours for participation in this event, you must complete a sign in sheet, be present for the entire event, and complete and submit an evaluation form.*

TESH is a project of the School and Child Health Program in the Division of Public Health in the NE Department of Health and Human Services ([www.dhhs.ne.gov/schoolhealth](http://www.dhhs.ne.gov/schoolhealth)) in partnership with the Nebraska Statewide Telehealth Network ([www.netelehealth.net](http://www.netelehealth.net)). **Goals of TESH are to:**

1. Offer high-quality, highly relevant continuing nursing education in child and school health topics using telecommunications technology;
2. Contribute to the development of collaborative relationships between local schools and local public health and medical providers; and
3. Identify and develop effective applications of telecommunications technology in school and community health settings to benefit children and families.

For more information about TESH or to register for a session, contact Kathy Karsting at [kathy.karsting@nebraska.gov](mailto:kathy.karsting@nebraska.gov). Access participating program sites at [www.netelehealth.net](http://www.netelehealth.net). Find TESH locations and program materials at [http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/Pages/schoolhealth\\_tesh.aspx](http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/Pages/schoolhealth_tesh.aspx).

*This activity has been submitted to the Georgia Nurses Association for approval to award contact hours. The Georgia Nurses Association is accredited as an approver of continuing nursing education by the American Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. For more information regarding contact hours, please call Kathy Karsting, RN, MPH at 402-471-0160.*